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EVENLY AROUND A SURFACE OF A SAMPLE

AND USE OF SAID ARRANGEMENT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 USC § 371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-11 of the application with claims 1-18 as follows:

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- 1. An arrangement enabling a liquid to flow evenly around a surface of a sample, said arrangement comprising:
 - a flow chamber having said liquid flowing therethrough,
- a sample located at least in part in said flow chamber and rotatable about an axis of rotation by means of a rotary drive,

inflow and outflow pipes each extending to opposite ends of the flow chamber from inflow and outflow containers, respectively,

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